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SUBJECT: WORLD AIRWAYS CONTRACT

SUMMARY: JAGHMAN SAYS DISPUTE OVER WORLD AIRWAYS CONTRACT WAS PARTIAL CAUSE FOR HIS DISMISSAL. BELIEVE WORLD SHOULD CONTINUE SEEK RENWAL ITS WETLEASE AND FOLLOW-ON MANAGEMENT CONTRACT PURSUING SEVERAL LEVELS OF APPROACH. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH DCM RANSOM ON JANUARY 9, YAHYA JAGHMAN SAID THAT ONE OF THE REASONS FOR HIS RECENT DISMISSAL AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WAS A DISPUTE OVER THE JOINT AIRLINES VENTURE BETWEEN YAR AND SAUDI ARABIA.

2. JAGHMAN SAID THAT HE AND ALI LUFT AL-THAWR (WHO WAS DISMISSED AS MINISTER OF ECONOMY AT THE SAME TIME JAGHMAN LOST HIS POST) WERE INSISTING THAT CONTROL OF YEMEN AIRLINES BE RETURNED TO THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY AFTER THE SAUDI-YEMEN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED. THIS AGREEMENT, THEY ARGUED, WOULD GIVE YEMEN AIRWAYS THE CAPITALIZATION WHICH WAS NECESSARY FOR COMPANY TO STAND

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ON ITS OWN FEET. BOTH MEN APPARENTLY ARGUED THAT YEMEN AIRWAYS MATTERS SHOULD BE TAKEN OUT OF COMMITTEE AND DEALT WITH OPENLY.

3. THIS WAS, OF COURSE, A VEILED ATTACK ON THE HEAD OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE WHICH PRESENTLY RUNS RYEMEN AIRWAYS, ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ. IT IS ALSO AN

ATTACK ON AHMAD SAID WHO ALSO ON COMMITTEE.

4. AS REPORTED IN SANA 0046 THAWS TILT WITH AL-ASNAJ COST JAGHMAN HIS JOB. WORLD AIRWAYS IS PRESENTLY TRYING TO RENEW ITS CONTRACT HERE IN YEMEN AND HAS HANDED THE LOCAL AIRWAYS A SBUSTANTIAL INCREASE IN COSTS AS CONDITION FOR RENEWAL. ACCORDING TO JAGHMAN RENEWAL IS GREATLY COMPLICATED BECAUSE OF HIGH LEVEL YARG OPPOSITION TO WORLD AGREEMENT MAKE CONTINUED PAYMENT TO SKINA. THIS MAY BE A DECISIVE REASON FOR TURNING BACK TO BRITTANIA FOR NEW WETLEASE.

5. REQUEST NEA/ARP PASS ABOVE REPORT TO BRYAN COOK OF WORLD AIRWAYS WITH STRICT VACEAT THAT JAGHMAN AND EMBASSY BE PROTECTED AS THE SOURCE. REQUEST DESK ALSO PASS FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS OF EMBASSY ON BEST WAY TO RENEW CONTRACT HERE AND FOLLOW-UP WITH MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. (A) JAGHMAN IS OUT AND WORLD AIRWAYS SHOULD DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO SECURUE UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT OF ABDALLAH AL-ASNAJ AND AHMAD SAID. (B) AS IMPLIED IN SEPTTEL (SANA 122) WORLD SHOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS SAUDIS TO GET INSIDE TRACT ON MANAGEMENT CONTRACT. (C) CONTINUE TO PUSH OTHER LINES OF EFFORT HERE IN YEMEN, E.G., HOTEL BUSINESS AND PROVIDING EXTRA SERVICES WHICH HELP YEMEN AIRLINES TO DEVELOP AS AN INSTITUTION. BRITTANIA HAS BEEN COMPLETELY UNINTERESTED IN SUCH SPECIAL EFFORTS.

6. EMBASSY STANDS READY TO HELP WORLD IF HELP IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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